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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

We have our cell phones for emergencies ONLY. We buy time by the year. It is more expensive per minute, but we do not chat on them. An increase of \$12 per year almost makes them prohibitive. For my family that amounts to a 12% increase in cost with no increase of service. We already pay the Universal Fee on two home phones and I do not mind that. However this increase, at least for those of us that only buy small amounts of airtime, is unacceptable. My family and myself have been supporters of the current President. However if this increase does go into effect we(all of us) will have to rethink our support. Seriously! There have been enough small events, such as this one, to accumulate into a major problem and possibly a rethink of our position. Thank you. Tim Rutledge

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members